



**Object:** Madagascar Immunization Basics/USAID QUARTLY REPORT 2007

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***Highlights during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2007:***

- Madagascar EPI Review 2006 done with the Service de Vaccination and partners; issues and recommendations discussed
- The Madagascar cMYP is in the process of finalization.
- The first “Child and Mother’s Health Week” in Madagascar was achieved and the immunization result is significant
- the process of HSS/GAVI application has been started with the DDDS and partners in December and should be finalized before march 31st

***Highlights of Next step for the 2007 first quarter:***

- Support SV/MOH&FP team in the follow-up, monitoring and supervision in the selected regions and districts to target poorer performing regions and districts and develop strategies for improving coverage and reducing drop-out
- . Provide technical support for monitoring the implementation of MLM and RED in work planning and capacity building with staff in select regions and districts (in partnership with SV, UNICEF, and SanteNet)
- Finalize the RSS/GAVI application with DDDS/MoH&FP and partners
- Support technically the MoH&FP to plan the second Child and Mother’s Health Week

## **1. Background:**

Immunization is an essential and cost-effective way to save children's lives in the developing country. Madagascar has 17,7 million population, so yet despite the considerable achievements of immunization programs as in 1976 EPI was established by MoH and today EPI protects children from 7 diseases on top of the above diseases: poliomyelitis, hepatitis B and measles; wider and more equitable use of existing vaccines could prevent an many additional child deaths annually. A recent survey on Vaccine Management VMA 2005 indicates an important improvement in EPI management at national, sub-national and local levels, however this assessment showed substantial variations in quality, logistics management and equipment determinants of EPI between levels. for the first trimester we planed that Madagascar IB Technical advisor will support technically the MoH&FP and its partners to strength the routine immunization through national EPI Review, Training , follow-up and supervision

## **2. Achievements and Reflection:**

### **• Management activities:**

- a) IB Country Representative (Madagascar IB Rep) was Recruited and started to work in December 5<sup>th</sup>
- b) The office space with SanteNet project is not yet Established and the administrative/financial orientation for country staff is not yet provided
- c) The Mcar IB representative has given a continuous participation with and technical support to MOHFW, SV, SanteNet, WHO, UNICEF, World Bank, and other ICC members and partners

### **• USAID Priority 1: Strengthen routine immunization, giving particular attention to RED and other effective approaches :**

- a. Madagascar IB technical advisor has participated as member of the ICC (with USAID and Sante Net) on the development of the cMYP and GAVI technical documents, including health sector planning with the MOHFP, and other partners.
- b. Mcar IB technical advisor has participated in the national EPI review
- c. Madagascar IB technical advisor Provided technical input to the ICC and CSME for identifying and prioritizing technical assistance with GAVI funding ;( HSS and remaining phase I funds) based on EPI data analysis and the HSS application should be finalized before March 31<sup>st</sup>
- d. Madagascar IB technical advisor provided technical support to SV and ICC partners on improving quality of RED implementation, including data analysis and prioritization of regions and districts and developing strategies for strengthening of components as outreach & supervision and reporting.
- e. Madagascar IB technical advisor provided guidance to SV on presentation and analysis of immunization data from the SIG to better monitor coverage, drop-out, vaccine and cold chain (notably spare parts) management, and completeness/timeliness of reporting

### **• USAID Priority 2: Increase reliable financing and improve the financial management of routine immunization programs:**

The Madagascar IB technical advisor has participated in ICC and CSME meetings and provide technical input with DEP via DDS to develop guidelines and ensure routine immunization line items in budgets for health sector strengthening

### **• USAID Priority 3: Sustain accelerated disease control through routine immunization:**

- Madagascar IB technical advisor has participated in the planning of the campaign (scheduled for Oct 2007),
- December from 12th to 19th 2006: Training on Vaccines Management: As technical advisor of the MOH &PF and its partners I have participated during the training as co facilitator and translator:
- December 26th 2006 Restitution of the SSME Assessments and as technical advisor of the MOH & FP I have support the coordination's committee
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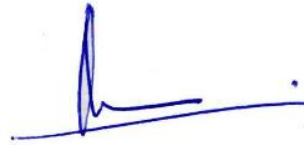
- **USAID Priority 4: Introduction of new vaccines and immunization technologies:**

No activity plan for participating in meetings and documentation with the ICC and in technical discussions and reviews with GAVI, World Bank and other partners concerning the use and monitoring of new vaccine funds and implementation of activities.

**3. Looking forward :**

- Establish The office space with SanteNet project and provide the administrative/financial orientation for country staff
- Support SV and partners in cMYP finalization
- Support SV/MOH&FP team in the follow-up and monitoring of the EPI responsible in the regions and in the districts
- Support and assist the Immunization service/MOH&FP in the Implementation and the monitoring of the recommendations from the EPI Review 2006
- Support and help the DDDS (Direction du Developement des Districts Sanitaires) and the DEP (Direction des Etudes et Planification) to finalize the HSS application.
- Assist SV with improving use of data to target poorer performing regions and districts and develop strategies for improving coverage and reducing drop-out.
- . Provide technical support for monitoring the implementation of MLM and RED in workplanning and capacity building with staff in select regions and districts (in partnership with SV, UNICEF, and Sante Net)
- Support The MoH&FP to plan the second edition of the “ Child and mother health's Week”

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